

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 11-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berstis, U.S. Patent No. 6,018,345, (hereinafter “Berstis 345”) and Berstis, U.S. Patent No. 5,920,304 (hereinafter “Berstis 304”). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berstis 345, Berstis 304, and Andrew et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,633,310 (hereinafter “Andrew”). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berstis 345, Berstis 304, Andrew, and Bonura et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,670,970.

Independent claims 1, 11, 16, and 22 have been amended to provide that the options associated with a hyperlink include at least one option effecting a connection to a network address specified by a hyperlink other than the hyperlink associated with the options. The amendment is supported by page 8, line 19, to page 9, line 16, in the specification. This feature is not taught, suggested or disclosed by Berstis 345 or Berstis 304.

Specifically, Berstis 304 may teach a cursor’s ability to display a plurality of items remotely, (Office Action, page 4, lines 9-13, citing column 6, line 55-column 7, line 6 of Berstis 304). However, Berstis 304 does not disclose that such plurality of items includes an option making a connection with a network address specified by a hyperlink other than the hyperlink associated with such plurality of items, as claimed herein.

With regard to Berstis 345, it only teaches connection to a second page specified by a link encoded within a first page, (column 1, line 60-column 2, line 3). In contrast, what is claimed herein is a connection to an address specified by a hyperlink other than a hyperlink associated with a plurality of options including such connection.

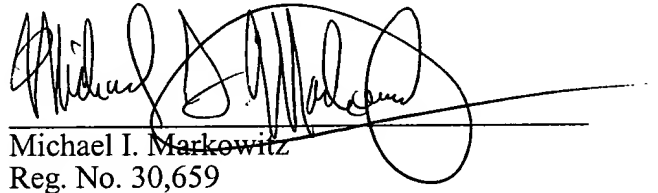
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An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claims 1, 11, 16, and 22 are in condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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